

West Lafayette Human Relations Commission - Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm, February 15, 2011

West Lafayette City Hall

In Attendance: Charlie Shook (Chair), Zarjon Baha, Vidhya Iyer, David Rosenthal (Secretary), Rachel Puente (Attorney), Sarena Wahl (Guest)

Absent: Kim Reisman, Susan Thomas, Phil Subeck

Mr. Shook called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and declared that a quorum was present with 4 out of 7 members.

Mr. Baha moved for approval of the agenda; Ms. Iyer seconded. **Motion to approve the agenda passed with unanimous consent.**

The minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting were presented for review. Mr. Baha moved for approval of the minutes without amendment; Ms. Iyer seconded. **Motion to approve the November 16, 2010 minutes passed with unanimous consent.**

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Attorney Continuing Education: Ms. Iyer is investigating HRC sponsorship of a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) workshop on immigration or cultural competencies in the court system, tentatively scheduled for November 2011.
2. Nomination of candidates to replace Angelica Duran and Asako Iukubo: Several candidates were discussed to replace outgoing Commissioners. Mr. Shook asked Ms. Iyer to prepare brief bios for three candidates to share with the Mayor.
3. Joint HRC Meeting on February 17, 2011: Commissioners were encouraged to attend the Joint HRC meeting with representatives of the Indiana Civil Rights Commissions.
4. Diversity Roundtable: The DRT meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:00am at the Lafayette YWCA. Ms. Iyer will continue to serve at the WLHRC representative to the DRT until March 2011. Mr. Baha will take over for Ms. Iyer beginning April 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Creating Community Awareness: Mr. Rosenthal will continue to revise the HRC Brochure and find volunteers to translate the brochure into Spanish, Japanese, and Arabic.
2. New Complaints: Mr. Shook appointed Mr. Baha and Ms. Iyer to investigate the Boone vs. Mayfield Apartments complaint. Mr. Shook appointed Ms. Reisman and Mr. Rosenthal to investigate the Snellenburger vs. Where Else Bar complaint. Parties will be notified via City Hall.

3. State Legislation: Ms. Iyer brought up SB 590 which is pending approval in the Indiana Senate, noting that while the Commission may not take a political stance, Commissioners should be aware of the issue.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Sarena Wahl attended the meeting and “tweeted” about it for a communications class at Purdue.

Ms. Baha moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. The meeting was adjourned.